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A Railroad Depot Agent's Experience With the General Manager.

A dozen of us were waiting at a railroad station in Georgia. As nobody knew how long we must wait it was only natural that one after another should go to the ticket window and in-

quire. "Dunno," was the gruff response to each inquirer.

That was about what was expected, and yet it didn't please. We got together on the platform and discussed the matter, and while we were talking a man drove up to the depot from the town. Seeing the crowd, he came over

and asked what was up. When he had been informed, he replied:
"I will try my luck with him and see how I come out."

He made the same inquiry, and the agent bolied up and variety.

agent looked up and replied:

"How many more times am I going
to tell you I danne?"

"Not more than once," said the gentleman as he reached for a telegraph

Five minutes later he showed us the dispatch. It was to a station agent 30 miles away, and it read, "Leave assist ant in charge and come down and take full possession here." The name at the end of the dispatch was that of the gen-eral manager of the road. "How much?" he asked as he handed

it in to the agent, who was also operator.
"This goes d. h.," replied the man after reading it over.

He began ticking it off as cool as you please, and when he had finished he rose up, put on his hat and overcoat and

came into the waiting room.

"Have you any idea when that train will be here?" quietly asked the man who sent the dispatch.

"She's just coming around the curve

now. All aboard!" replied the agent. And as the train drew up he was the first one to board it, leaving the office to run itself till the other man could come down.

"Did we come out much ahead on that deal?" I asked of the manager as we got scated on the train.

"Well, n-o-o, I don't think we did," he drawled. "I guess I'll send the cheeky enss back on the next train and raise his salary \$5 a month."—St. Louis

A Woman as a Stage Manager.

The smoothness of the production of "A Social Highwayman," produced by the Hollands at the Garrick theater, New York, was due to Mrs. Mansfield (Beatrice Cameron). Since the Mansfield (Beatrice) Cameron). Since the serious illness of Mr. Mansfeld she has assumed the burden of directing rehearsals, selecting costumes and scenery, etc., and has been at the theater 17 hours out of every 24.

A Boy Folled.

Mr. Osborne is a very economical but at the same time a very irascible parent. Last Sunday his boy Tommy deliber-ately disobeyed his father, whereupon the latter seized his offspring, threw him over his knee and proceeded to rebuke him in his usually energetic manner with the palm of his hand. Tommy, who is something of a strategist in a small way, thinking to gain time, ex-

claimed:

"Pa, rememlier I'te got my Sunday clothes on. You will rain them."

"That's a fact," responded Osborne, releasing the youth. "You can take them off while I go into the garden and cut a dozen or so of peach tree switches.'
---Texas Siftings.

What It Was.

The conversation, this Saturday night. turned upon the misunderstandings caused between customer and clerk by a similarity of sounds. It was told of the toolman that in response to an inquiry for yardsticks, he brought the customer carpet tacks. A more excusable case occurred with the shipping clerk, who came what "kill oil" was, and where he would find the best kind. Upon interrogating the customer, who was an Irishman, he said "It's best kill oil I'm wantin," which was his way of prononneing bicycle oil. -Hardware.

In the Near Fature.



Jonathan- I hate that Mr. Mary Stevers Smith.

1 Irs. Jonathan-Why, J-o-h-n!

John-Yes, I do! At our sewing cir-sle last night he actually had the audacity to ask how old I was.—New York World.

Including Everything.

Day-I find there, is a \$2,50t mortgage on the property you sold ms You never said anything about it.

Gay-Certainly I did. Didn't I distinetly tell you it had all modern im-provements?—Tit-Bits. MINING OF PHOSPHATES.

Where Deposits Are Found and How

The Florida phosphate deposits are of great importance, yet their existence was discovered so recently and their extent is still so uncertain that few persons not engaged in the sale of fertilizing materials have much knowledge of the large industry which has sprung up in the Peninsular State. It has practically created a new city-Ocala-which had a population of but a few hundred in 1870, but is now a thriving business center with modern improvements, banking facilities and ample railway and transportation facilities. Engineer ing, the leading engineering journal of the world, makes the following state-ments concerning the region, which are of considerable interest as coming from an unbiased source: "There is no phosphate region in the world known today that possesses so many advantages for successful mining as the Florida depos-its. The grade of material is the highest average that is being worked anywhers. The facilities for moving the products to points for distribution are good. The average distance from mines to ports for shipments is about 150 miles.

"The distributing stations for the hard rock district are Port Tampa, Fernandina, Brunswick and Savannah, the largest tonnage being moved from Fernandina, where storage bins are located and leading facilities are good. Port Tampa, the terminus of the Plant system of railroads, is constantly adding facilities for prompt handling of cargoes of phosphate and at present very nearly equals Fernandina in the amount of its shipments. Railroad are numerous and cheaply constructed when necessary to extend them into new sections. The machinery needed to mine and prepare the material is simple and inexpensive compared with that generally used in other mining operations, and the cost of a plant with sufficient land to work upon is within the reach of small investors. The working days at the mines are about 280 during the year. The climate is healthful, laborers readily obtained at a fair compensation, and skilled operatives are at hand who are

becoming familiar with the business.
"The mining camps are generally well regulated, and proprietors and employees can reside at the mines with safety and with little inconvenience, as sup-plies of all kinds can be readily obtained at the towns located in the near vicinity of all the large mining fields. Telegraph and mail facilities are within easy access of nearly every mining camp in the state. Florida phosphates are mostly shipped to European ports and are manufactured into fertilizers in England, Ireland, Germany, France, and quite recently shipments have been made to the Sandwich Islands. Foreign agents of consumers and dealers in phosphates have their offices near the center of production, and contracts for deliv-ery and prices are commonly fixed at points of shipment, the material being sold at a price per unit of its contents of phosphate of lime. The Florida phosphates are all used in the manufacture of commercial fertilizers and superphosphate. "-Boston Transcript.

THE RETIRED BURGLAR.

He Finds It Hard to Accustom Himself to Ordinary Hours of Living.

"My chief trouble now," said the retired burglar, "is about my hours. I have been so long accustomed to working nights and sleeping days that I find it difficult to change back to the hours of other folks. Instead of having my break-fast at 7 o'clock in the morning I have it at 7 o'clock in the evening. Some folks make their dinner the last meal in the day, but I never could get used to that. I can sleep better on a light meal, so I have my dinner in the mid-dle of the day—I mean the middle of the night—and my supper about 5 o'clock in the morning.

"This schedule works all right for the first half of the night. There's plenty of life then, and I can go to the thea-ter and one place and another, but after dinner, I must say, I find it pretty tedious. When I was at work and my mind was occupied, I never thought This is a bigger town than it used to be, and it's open all night. There's plenty of occupations nowadays that people work at all night, but the people that work at 'em are working at 'em. You don't see 'em around the streets, and the general fact remains that most people work days and sleep nights, and the cold fact is that from dinner time to supper time I feel sort o' lost.

"But I'm not discouraged. I don't suppose I could change the habits of a lifetime in a minute, and I shall just keep on trying till I get my hours shifted around again like other people's.". New York Sun.

Trunk Labels.

"I wish you would have a porter come up and wash the labels off my trunks," remarked a well dressed man as he signed his name to the book at the Continental last night. The guest as he spoke pointed to three big trunks that stood in the baggage room. The trunks were covered with the various labels that indicated that they had made a long continental journey. In days gone by these labels were the proper thing, and the man just home from Europe considered those glaring tags as almost sacred. But fashion has changed this year, thanks of the Prince of Wales setting the pace, and now these glaring showbills indicative of travel are no longer in vogue. - Philadelphia In-

A Redeeming Feature.

A .- My dwelling is bounded on the north by a gas works, on the south by an india rubber works, on the west by a vinegar manufactory and on the east by a glue boiling establishment.

-A nice neighborhood, I must say. A.—Quite so; but it has one advan-age. I can always tell which way the wind blows without looking at the weathercook.—Humoristische Blatter.



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